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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jerry A. Dukes et al.

Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

Appln. No.: 09/765,924

Group Art Unit: 3679

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For: CORRUGATED PIPE CONNECTION JOINT

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Final Office action ("OA") dated September 11, 2002, making this Amendment and Response due on or before December 11, 2002. This amendment is being submitted with a request for continuing examination (RCE). Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:Please cancel, without prejudice, ~~claims 10-16.~~

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

2.6 c. 1. (Twice Amended) A corrugated pipe connection joint structure comprising:

at least a first section of corrugated pipe having a length and at least one bell-formed end, said length having an inner wall and an outer wall, said inner wall defining a first inner diameter and said outer wall defining an outer diameter;